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CAPTAIN BRITAIN *UNMASKED* AT LAST??!

IN FULL COLOUR!

THE NEWEST-AND GREATEST-SUPERHERO OF ALL!

CAPTAIN BRITAIN

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YOU'RE THROUGH *HIDIN'*,
MATE! AND ONCE WE KNOW
WHO YOU *ARE*, IT'S THE END
OF CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

YOU'LL NEVER GUESS
THE SHOCKING IDENTITY
OF OUR AWESOME
SUPER VILLAIN!

FREE:
A FULL COLOUR
PIN-UP OF

NICK FURY
DYNAMICALLY
DRAWN BY
STERANKO!

WHEN PHYSICS STUDENT BRIAN BRADDOCK RUBS HIS MYSTIC AMULET, HE TRANSFORMS INTO BRITAIN'S SUPER-HEROIC CHAMPION OF JUSTICE...

Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

HAVING TELEVIEWED THE DEATH OF HIS PARENTS, FOR WHICH HE BLAMES HIMSELF, CAPTAIN BRITAIN NOW WRITHES IN A WHIRLING VORTEX OF MENTAL ANGUISH--EN-TREATING THE MALEVOLENT MASTERMIND TO KILL HIM! BUT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGIN-NING OF A SENSES-SHATTERING STORY THAT OPENS...

"...ONCE UPON A DEATH WISH!"

HAH! BEHOLD THE
HERO, UNABLE TO ENDURE
HIS GUILT--PLEADING
FOR HIS DEATH!

YOU ARE A FRAUD,
CAPTAIN BRITAIN--A
GUILT-RIDDEN WRETCH
WHO HIDES COWARDICE
BEHIND A MASK!

I KILLED MY
MOTHER AND FATHER--
AND I CAN'T LIVE WITH
IT--I CAN'T!!

WRITTEN BY GARY FRIEDRICH
ART BY HERB TRIMPE
AND FRED KIDA
LETTERED BY IRV WATANABE
COLOURED BY MARIE SEVERIN
EDITED BY LARRY LIEBER



**BAH! I EXPECTED
STERNER STUFF
FROM A "SUPER-
HERO"!**

**I DIDN'T SEEK MY
POWER--OR MY MISSION!
THEY WERE OFFERED
TO ME--**

**--BY FORCES BEYOND
MY UNDERSTANDING**

**BUT YOU ACCEPTED
THEM! YOU MADE THE
CHOICE!**

**NOT FROM VANITY
OR SELF-INTEREST!
BUT FROM THE DESIRE
TO FIGHT INJUSTICE
IN A TURBULENT
WORLD!**

**NOBLE MOTIVES
AREN'T ENOUGH.
YOU LACK MORAL
FIBRE!**

**YOU
SORRY
SPECIMEN
OF--**

**I FORGOT
MY DUST PAN!
HAVE TO GET--
WHAT IN--**

**THE CHAR-
WOMAN--
HE'LL KILL
HER!**

**BABBLING
FEMALE! I
AM NOT YET
READY FOR
THE WORLD TO
LEARN OF MY
PRESENCE!**

OHHHHH!!

**BUT AS THE WOMAN FALLS,
SO DOES A YOUNG LADY'S
SELF-TORMENT!**

**I WAS WRONG! I
CAN'T QUIT--CAN'T
TAKE THE EASY
WAY OUT--NOT
WHILE SUCH EVIL
STILL WALKS
THE EARTH!**

**WHAT?! IS THIS A TURN-
ABOUT? HAS THE WHELP
SUDDENLY FOUND
HIS SPINE?**

**HOW
COMENDABLE--
AND HOW FUTILE!
YOU'RE
FINISHED, MY
FRIEND!
FINISHED!**

AS MASTERMIND ALIGNS HIS Foe IN HIS SIGHTS, A GLOVED HAND GRABS THE MYSTIC STAFF AND DEPRESSES ITS SECOND BUTTON!



AT THE SAME INSTANT THAT A PENCIL THIN BEAM OF SHEER ENERGY ISSUES FROM THE LASER GUN ON MASTER-MIND'S WRIST--



--AN INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD FORMS AROUND CAPTAIN BRITAIN, REPELLING THE RAY AND SAVING HIS LIFE!



I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE SHIELD WORKS, BUT NOW IS NO TIME TO DWELL ON IT! I MUST ATTACK!



WHAT?! AGAIN YOU REPEL MY LASER BEAM!

*FIRST TIME WAS LAST ISH.--LARRY

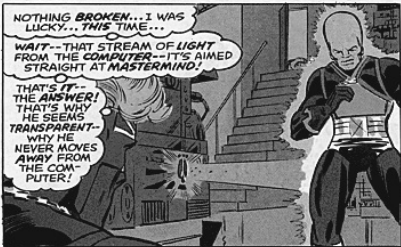
I FLEW RIGHT THROUGH HIM--AS IF HE WEREN'T EVEN THERE! BUT HOW? JUUNHHN!~



NOTHING BROKEN... I WAS LUCKY... THIS TIME...

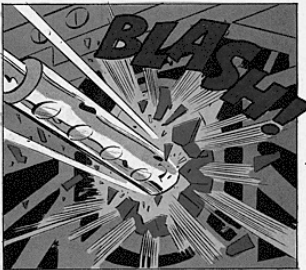
WAIT--THAT STREAM OF LIGHT FROM THE COMPUTER--IT'S AIMED STRAIGHT AT MASTERMIND!

THAT'S IT--THE ANSWER! THAT'S WHY HE SEEMS TRANSPARENT--WHY HE NEVER MOVES AWAY FROM THE COM-PUTER!

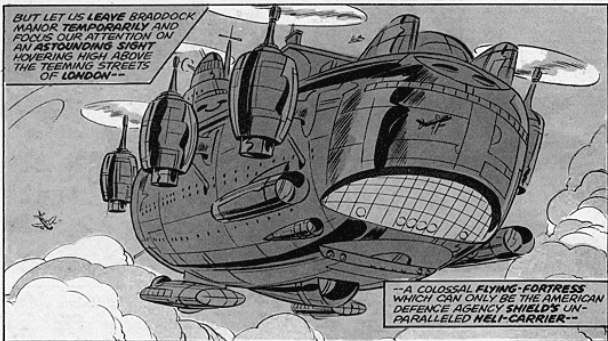


NOW IT ALL FITS INTO PLACE! NOW I KNOW HOW TO DEFEAT MASTERMIND!





BUT LET US LEAVE BRADDOCK
MANOR TEMPORARILY AND
FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON
AN ASTOUNDING SIGHT
HOVERING HIGH ABOVE
THE TEEMING STREETS
OF LONDON--



--A COLOSSAL FLYING-FORTRESS
WHICH CAN ONLY BE THE AMERICAN
DEFENCE AGENCY SHIELD'S UN-
PARALLELED HELI-CARRIER--

--AN AIRCRAFT THAT CAUSES
MORE THAN IDLE CURIOSITY
AMONG THE CITIZENS BELOW!

WHAT THE FLAMING HECK IS THAT?

WE'D BEST GET UNDER-
GROUND! WE'RE BEIN'
INVADED!

BUT WHILE LONDONERS LOOK ON
NERVOUSLY--WITHIN THE OBJECT
OF THEIR CONCERN...

OPEN YER EARS
AND HEAR ME
GOOD, ROGERS!

THIS MIGHT BE
THE BIGGEST
JOB YOU EVER
TACKLED!



I'LL BET
IT'S A
SPACE SHIP,
MUMMY--
FROM MARS!

STAY CALM! DON'T PANIC!
THEY'VE MADE NO THREAT-
ENING MOVE YET!



OUR ORDERS
COME STRAIGHT
FROM THE MIN-
ISTRY OF DE-
FENCE, SO YOU
KNOW WE AIN'T
AFTER SOME
JOKER WHO'S
BEEN FIXIN'
SOCCER MATCHES!

FACT IS, DE-
FENCE SUSPECTS
THE COMMIES
ARE BUILDIN'
SOME KIND OF
COMPUTER
COMPLEX HERE
IN BRITAIN!

AND FOR THIS
OPERATION,
SHIELD NEEDS--
CAPTAIN
AMERICA?

YOU AIN'T JUST
WHISTLIN' GOD
SAVE THE QUEEN,
PAL! GET INTO
THOSE RED-
WHITE-AND-
BLUE LONG-
JOANS OF
YERS--

--AND PICK
UP YER
ORDERS ON
THE WAY
OUT!

OH, AND IF
YOU RUN INTO
SOME COSTUMED
CLOWN CALLED
CAPTAIN
BRITAIN--

--CHECK HIM
OUT, TOO! IN-
TELLIGENCE THINKS HE
MIGHT BE TIED IN WITH THE
COMPUTER SOMEHOW!



AND THEY WANT
SHIELD TO HELP 'EM
CHECK IT OUT!

BUT CAPTAIN AMERICA MAY BE TOO LATE TO INVESTIGATE BRITAIN'S FIRST SUPERHERO! FOR EVEN AT THAT MOMENT, AS CAPTAIN BRITAIN CARRIES THE WOUNDED CHARWOMAN TOWARD THE WAITING AMBULANCE IN FRONT OF BRADDOCK MANOR--

THAT'LL BE FAR ENOUGH, BUCKO! MEN, TAKE THE INJURED WOMAN!

INSPECTOR THOMAS! OF ALL TIMES FOR HIM TO SHOW HIS FACE!

GIVE US THE WORD, INSPECTOR--AND WE'LL COLLAR 'IM!

ALL IN DUE COURSE, LADS! FIRST, I'LL BE ASKING OUR YOUNG AGENT A QUESTION OR TEN! THE WOMAN--WHAT HAPPENED TO HER? WAS IT YOUR DOIN'? COME ON--TALK TO ME, SONNY!

NO TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS! MUST GET BACK TO THE COMPUTER!

CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE, EH--OR MAYBE YOU THINK WE'VE NOTHING TO DISCUSS! WELL, HEAR ME GOOD, LAD--

...FIRST YOU ALL BUT WRECK LONDON, BATTLING THAT HURRICANE BLOKE! THEN THERE'S THE STRANGE BUSINESS ABOUT THE MURDER OF SOMEONE BY THE NAME OF SYMNE IN A NEARBY VILLAGE!

SO HE'S THE MUG WE'VE BEEN CHASING ABOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE! HE DOESN'T LOOK SO SUPER TO ME!

YOU WERE AT THAT SCENE, AS WELL! AND NOW THIS WOMAN! YOU'RE NO HERO --YOU'RE A PUBLIC MENACE!

THAT'S NOT TRUE! BUT I HAVEN'T TIME TO EXPLAIN!

YOU'D BEST MAKE TIME RIGHT NOW! I WANT ANSWERS--AND I DON'T MUCH CARE IF I GET THEM HERE, OR AT THE YARD!

I TELL YOU CAN'T TALK--NOT NOW!

OKAY, THAT DOES IT! MEN--TAKE HIM!

WHAT A SPOT I'M IN! IF I RESIST AND DEFY THE LAW--I'LL BE GOING AGAINST EVERYTHING I STAND FOR!

AND YET, I CAN'T GO TO HEADQUARTERS AND LEAVE THE COMPUTER ALONE! THAT MECHANICAL MONSTROSITY IS FAR TOO DANGEROUS!

WHICHEVER DECISION I MAKE --IT WILL BE THE WRONG ONE!

BUT EVEN AS CAPTAIN BRITAIN PONDER'S HIS DESPERATE DECISION, YET ANOTHER CHARACTER JOINS OUR BIZARRE EPISODE, STEALING INTO THE COMPUTER COMPLEX UNDER COVER OF THE COMMOION OUTSIDE!

HOW SIMPLE THE POLICE HAVE MADE THINGS FOR ME! WHILE THEY APPREHEND CAPTAIN BRITAIN--

--THEY UNWITTINGLY GIVE ME THE CHANCE TO SLIP INSIDE AND TAKE CONTROL OF THIS COMPLEX!

AND WHEN I'M DONE, NO POWER ON EARTH WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME FROM ACHIEVING...

...TOTAL VICTORY OVER GREAT BRITAIN--

--THEN-- DOMINATION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD!!

FIRST, I MUST SEE IF THE COMPUTER'S HOSTAGES ARE WELL AND SAFELY GUARDED!

YES, THERE THEY ARE--THE BROTHER AND SISTER OF BRIAN BRADDOCK!

THEY WILL BE PRIME HOSTAGES IN THE EVENT THAT CAPTAIN BRITAIN DECIDES TO CHALLENGE ME!

THEN THE BLACK-ENSHROUDED FIGURE SWITCHES TO ANOTHER GRIM SIGHT VIA THE COMPUTER VIEW-SCREEN!

WAIT A MINUTE! BEFORE WE TAKE HIM IN--

--LET'S FIND OUT JUST WHO IS HIDING BEHIND THAT BIT OF CLOTH!

NEXT WEEK:

"A HERO UNMASKED!"



Stan Lee presents

**CAPTAIN
BRITAIN'S**

FUN PAGE

THIS JOB CALLS FOR
FEET
THE HANDS
OF
KUNG
FU!



NASTY OLD
FU MANCHU
HAS PLACED A BOMB
IN THE MIDDLE OF
SHANG-CHI'S FAVOURITE
ASIAN RESTAURANT.

SPEED IS THE NAME OF THE
GAME SINCE THE BOMB WILL
EXPLODE IN JUST ONE MINUTE.
HE MUST SNATCH IT AND GET IT
OUT OF THE RESTAURANT AND
HE CANNOT GET OUT THE WAY
HE CAME IN (IT'S A ONE-WAY
RESTAURANT).

REMEMBER — ONE MINUTE IS
THE TIME LIMIT. GO!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: THE **FANTASTIC FOUR!**™

ENDGAME!

STAN LEE, EDITOR
ARCHIE GOODWIN, WRITER
JOHN BUSCEMA, ARTIST
JOE SINNOTT, INKER
ARTIE SIMEK, LETTERER

THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE TEAMED-UP WITH THEIR ULTIMATE ARCH-ENEMY DOCTOR DOOM! NOW COULD SUCH AN UNLIKELY SITUATION COME TO PASS? WHEN THE EARTH IS IN DANGER, EVEN THE WORST OF ENEMIES CAN BAN-GETHER AGAINST A COMMON FOE...



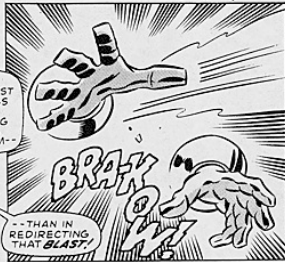
WITH BUT THE MEREST OF MENTAL COMMANDS--

I DO REPEL ALL THAT YOU HURL AT ME!

OF WHAT USE ARE THESE TACTICS WHICH FAILED SO MISERABLY UP UNTIL NOW?

...THE OVERMIND--AND HE MAY BE TOO POWERFUL FOR EVEN THEIR COMBINED MIGHT!







BUT I SEE *NOW* HE CALLED
SO MUCH ATTENTION
TO *HIMSELF* TO DELAY MY LEARN-
ING OF OTHERS SUCH AS *YOU!*

NO MORE DO I MISDIRECT
MY EFFORTS AT THE OTHER
TWO--IT IS *YOUR MIND*
THAT IS THE *DANGER*--

IT IS *YOUR MIND*
THAT SHALL SUFFER
THE *FULL FORCE*
OF MY *FURY!*

N-NO--
HE'S NOT
GOIN' FOR
US AS WE
EXPECTED--

DOOM'S
OFF-
GUARD--!

LUNGHHHHH!!

MY ARMOUR,
MY
IMPERVIOUS
ARMOUR!

IF IT CAN WITH-
STAND A FEW
MOMENTS *MORE*--
PRESERVE MY LIFE,
MY *SANITY*--



I CAN BRING
THE *PSIONIC-
REFRACTOR* BACK
INTO PLAY!

BUT I AM *WEAKENED*
--AND THE *INTENSITY*
OF HIS ATTACK
MOUNTS.

THE *SIDE
EFFECTS*
ALONE
STUN THE
TORCH
AND THE
THING!

AND THE PROUD LORD OF LATVERIA
CRIES OUT!

NOW, SUSAN RICHARDS!
IT IS TIME FOR OUR *LAST LINE*
OF DEFENCE!

THEN THIS IS
WHY DR. DOOM
HAD ME STAY
HIDDEN!

MUST SEND
OUT MY
INVISIBLE
FORCE
FIELD--

IT WILL LESSEN
THE INTENSITY OF
THE OVER-MIND'S
ATTACK--

--UNTIL THE FEEDBACK OF
MIND-BLASTS FROM THE
PSIONIC-REFRACTOR GETS HIM!



YOU! THE ONE I AM ORDERED
TO KILL. OVER-MIND SAYS
KILL.

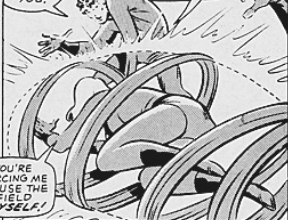
ONCE YOU
ESCAPED--
BUT NOT
THIS TIME.



THIS TIME MY
ARM ENCIRCLES
YOU-- SURROUNDS
YOU--

--AND
WILL
CRUSH
YOU!

REED! REED! YOU
DON'T KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE DOING--!



SOMETHING
BETWEEN
YOU AND MY
ARM--
INTERFERING.

MUST
KEEP
CRUSHING
--KEEP
CRUSHING--
MAKE IT
GO AWAY.



HE'S
STRONGER--
FRESHER
THAN I AM.
CAN'T
MAINTAIN
FIELD MUCH
LONGER.

AND
DR.
DOOM--

AND DR. DOOM IS FIGHTING FOR HIS
LIFE!

WITHOUT THE
PROTECTION
OF THE
FORCE FIELD--



THAT
WHICH I
MOST
FEARED
MAY
HAPPEN--

THE COMPONENTS
OF THE PSIONIC-
REFRACTOR EXPLODE!

THEY COULD NOT
STAND UP UNDER
SUCH A PROLONGED
MIND BLAST!



NOW THERE IS NOTHING BETWEEN VICTOR
VON DOOM AND WAVE AFTER UNDULATING
WAVE OF THE OVER-MIND'S MENTAL FORCE--



NOTHING
SAVE
CAPE
AND
ARMOUR!

AND A FURIOUS, DESPERATE
COURAGE.

THOUGH I REEL
FROM YOUR
MIND-BLASTS,
I STILL STAND.

AND
WHILE
DOOM
STANDS--



--WE
FIGHTS!

WITH EVERY
WEAPON OF
MY ARMOUR--

WITH EVERY
OUNCE OF
MY WILL--

I
FIGHT--



THE AIR FILLS WITH A
TERRIBLE SOUND, AS
THOUGH A BILLION VOICES
SHRIEK IN RAGE--

THEN THE SCREAMING STORM
THAT FLOWS FROM THE BRAIN
OF THE OVER-MIND PASSES--

AND AS
AFTER THE
PASSING
OF ALL
STORMS--



--THERE
IS
SILENCE.

Dear British Bullpen,

Having just read Captain Britain I am prodded to write to you. I am very impressed by what I have read and hope that it is a sign of things to come — both with C.B. and other British super-heroes, which must surely follow.

I am glad that you have returned to the 'old' format for this mag. Don't change it or the colour won't be as effective in smaller panels.

Thanks for the colour (and the English spelling of the word!) I realise you can't have all three strips in colour because of the cost.

I am very grateful to you for not writing Brian Braddock's lines as the "Nice day for it, what! What!" type of Englishman, which seems to be how the Americans imagine us to be. He sounds realistic and important for character development.

Introduce new (English) super-baddies and also let's see how the Captain copes with the established American baddies, i.e. The Goblin, Vulch, Electro, Kraven, Mysterio etc. Also, let's have team-ups with American heroes (and other British ones! Hint, hint!)

Will we be seeing Cap Britain in American Marvels, guest-in team-ups or other mags? I hope so.

Well, you've probably guessed it. I'm already a C.B. fan — don't let me down, will you? No, I know you won't. I especially dig the costume, the headgear, and the lion on his chest — the staff idea is good as well. Who designed his costume? And who created the character? Thanks to Neil, Chris, Herb etc.

Martin Ashurst,
49 Graiglands,
Rochdale, Lancs.

What have we STARTED? We now know that there's gonna be an ever-growing pressure on us to add a second Super-hero to the British scene. And a lot of that pressure is coming from INSIDE the Bullpen! Looks like the decision is being made for us. Most (if not all) of what you yearn for will doubtless come about. U.S. Marvel super-heroes and super-villains will be visiting the pages of Captain Britain from time to time. And, almost certainly, Cap B. will be guest-starring across the pond. As to who created the character of Cap B. and who created the costume. Well, it was a group effort.

A BRITISH MARVEL UNIVERSE

Dear Ed,

I feel I must congratulate you on your new mag, Captain Britain. The art was brilliant! Herb Trimpe did a marvellous job. Cap's costume is a masterpiece of super-hero costume

**Tell it
to The
CAPTAIN!**



design. The story shows signs of developing into a really good plot.

The colour was a real sight for sore eyes. A regular weekly comic in glorious colour! All a comic fan could ask for! Bring out more comics like this. Create a brand-new British Marvel Universe.

I think it would also be a good idea to have Captain America team-up with Capt. Britain every so often. I also think Iron Fist would make a good partner for Capt. Britain, but only occasionally.

I'm really enthusiastic about Capt. Britain. You can be sure of my custom every week, that's sure! The same goes for any other comics of this sort you bring out. You really hit the right note when you created a British Super-hero.

Roy Leyland,
159 Coronation Bldgs.,
S.Lambeth Rd. London.

Half the world and nearly all of Marveldom can't wait, it would seem, to see Captain Britain and Captain America in double harness. Well all of you have our permission to relax. Because an idea like that is far too good for us to allow it NOT to happen. So-o-o-o, a little patience on your part, a little midnight-oil-burning on our part and it shall come to pass.

I LIKE IT!

Dear Stan,

I never thought Spidey would meet Superman, but he did! I never thought Doc Savage would meet a modern Super-hero, but he did! (The hero was The Thing in Marvel Team-up.) I never thought there'd be a British Marvel hero, but now there is, Captain Britain! He is Fannn(phew)tastic!

Many aspects of C.B. remind me, strangely enough, of the early days of Spidey. Jacko Tanner is the British version of Flash Thompson; Inspector Dai Thomas dislikes C.B. as J. Jonah Jameson does Spidey; Brian Braddock (Cap's other identity) is just as brainy as Peter Parker; Dr. Mackenzie acts like Prof. Warren. Of course, there has to be a girl in all this to pass as either Betty Brant, Mary Jane Watson and Gwen, COURTNEY ROSS.

I like the puzzle page and I'm glad you put most of the comic in colour. Keep up the good work.

Derek Ramsarold,
55 Studley Road,
Forest Gate, London.

We'll let you into one of our little Bullpen secrets, Derek. We never thought we'd ever actually get Captain Britain onto the news stands — but we did!

"I SAY, OLD BEAN . . ."

Dear Neil, Alan and George,

Cap (I'm calling him that already) is excellent. When we were given his initials on a Bullpen page I thought, "Oh, no!" I thought it would be corny. But no! The mystical touch to his origin was a brainwave, because, living in the North-East, I am aware of the magical properties of this area. I was afraid he would be 'typically British,



talking like this, old bean? I was wrong!

Peter Martin,

29 Chestnut Avenue,
Whitley Bay, Tyne-Wear.

It's a lucky break for us that we don't move in the kind of circles where people say such things as, "Just off for a snifter before lunch, old boy!" Think what a hash we might have made of things!

THAT GLORIOUS COLOUR...

Dear Stan,

First impressions of Captain Britain are contrary to what I'd expected - very favourable. Obviously it'll take him several issues to establish an identity with readers, but I'm sure the same applied to Captain America when he first hit the Marvel scene in years gone by. I especially like full colour in the Shield and Cap Britain stories - keep it up! It makes Shield all the more readable. I'd found Nick Fury getting almost unreadable in Titans because of all the dialogue squeezed into those tiny panels - but perhaps that's just my personal dislike of the landscape format, which I was glad to see you hadn't adopted for the new mag.

Any chance of alternating some of your other characters with Shield, so we can see THEM in glorious full-colour too? My personal preferences would be for Man-Thing or Ghost Rider - or best of all, Howard the Duck.

David Robinson,
TTB, RFO, KOF, FFF,
201 Briar Hill Court,
Salford 6, Manchester.

Hoooo Boy! How we enjoy it when we can be the bearers of good tidings! And in this case we can be just that. Because we SHALL be giving other Marvel characters the chance

to show their powerful paces in full colour in the S.H.I.E.L.D. spot in *Captain Britain Man-Thing*? - Probably. *Ghost-Rider*? - Possibly. *Howard the Duck*? - Well you've seen the special pull out comic we featured in *ish 7*, specially for duckophiles, and he'll definitely be back!

WAAUUGH!

Dear Howard, (er... that should read "Bulpen").

In a Bulpen item you asked for Howard the Duck fans to own up and confess. So take note of this nefarious letter. (Well, not really nefarious, but it sounds good.)

In my mature and humble opinion (natch!), Steve Gerber is one of the most talented and creative writers earning a Marvel wage-pocket. Coupled with Frank Brunner's three-dimensional artwork well, nobody could ask for more. Everything these two touch seems to turn into gold, even Howard's secret cigar supply.

I wonder if you can tell me if Steve G. clamps on cigars, because there is a rumour circulating that Steve is really Howard the Duck in disguise. It would explain a lot.

And now, an original quip, sponsored by a "Super Villain Team-up" fan, Paul Kingscott (my brother).

1. Which Duck smokes cigars (among other things)?
2. Who goes in the guise of Shang-Op (while praising Kung-Fu) sometimes, and lives in Cleveland all the time.
3. Which Duck, despite Irv Forbush, is gonna take Britain by storm? (You have three guesses, and it's not Donald Duck.)
4. Which fowl was born out of an early Man-Thing strip, which was incidentally scripted by Steve Gerber?

Hokay, I guess you have the message by now, So-o-o, until You-know-who

(Howard) stops calling us humans, hairless apes, OR until the demise of You-know-who, Make Mine Marvel.

Yours, from a proud H.T.D. ish 1 owner,

M. Kingscott QNS,
Wolverhampton.

We can't think why, but we have this strange feeling you're trying to TELL us something!

THE GOOD AND THE BAD

Dear You,

As soon as I saw the TV ad for Captain Britain I ran to my local shop and bought it. After perusing its 32 pages I have compiled a list of its good and bad points.

GOOD POINTS.

1. Colour. It's what we've all been asking for.
2. First British story. Fantastic.
3. Pin-ups. Well-drawn and in colour!
4. Great back-up features.

BAD POINTS.

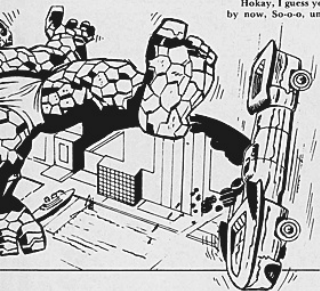
1. Price. 1p more than your other mags.
2. Cover. Not glossy.
3. Fun-page. Scrap it.
4. Free gifts. Too childish. Give us a poster.

Well, there you have it, my views on your latest comic. I just want to see if you can keep up the colour. Until Captain Britain gets a star-spangled staff, Make Mine Marvel!

David Carney,
183 Liverpool Rd.,
Southport, Lancs.

Hooooo Boy! Are we RELIEVED! Know why? Because the bad points didn't outnumber the good points!

MARVEL COMICS, TUBS HILL HOUSE,
SEVENOAKS, KENT



STAMP QUIZ



DO YOU KNOW:

- What country has SUOMI on its stamps?
- What country has EIRE on its stamps?
- What country has MAGYAR on its stamps?
- What country has NORGE on its stamps?

Prizes: 25 diff. choice stamps sent free for each correct answer. If all 4 answers correct we will send you a specially imported collection of 100 diff. world-wide stamps (catalogue value £5.00) plus the famous 90-year-old British "PENNY LILAC" stamp, as illustrated. Please enclose a 6/10 stamp for postage. Our Special Approvals will also be sent to all entrants. (Please tell your parents you are writing.)

THE STAMP CLUB

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NOW A TRIUMPHANT CRY SHATTERS THE STILLNESS--

**NOW TWO ARMS,
RAISED IN TRIUMPH,
SEND RAW, NAKED
POWER RADIATING
INTO THE HEAVENS--**

"FROM
BEYOND
THE STARS
SHALL
COME THE
OVER-MIND--"

"AND HE
SHALL
CRUSH THE
UNIVERSE!"

THE PROPHECY
COMES TRUE!

**AND IN THE NIGHT SKY,
A PINPOINT OF LIGHT
SWELLS AND GROWS,
BRIGHTER, LARGER--**

**BECOMING
A DAZZLING
COMET-
FORM
STREAKING
TOWARD
EARTH--**

**A FIREBALL HURLING
FOR THE CITY--**

**--TO BURST AT THE
FEET OF HIM CALLED
THE OVER-MIND!**

FROM ITS SPREAD-
ING VAPOURS, OUT
OF ITS HELLFIRE
CORE--

SOME-
THING
FORMS--

WHO ARE YOU?

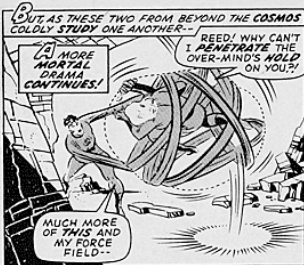
**WHY DO YOU
APPEAR HERE--
NOW?**

IN THIS
WORLD--IN
ALL WORLDS
SAVE MY
OWN--

**I AM--THE
STRANGER!**

*MOST MARVELITES WILL RECALL
MYRIAD APPEARANCES OF THIS
MYSTERIOUS STAR-BEING IN MANY
OF OUR MAGS. --STAN.

I COME BECAUSE
IT IS TIME--
BECAUSE YOU HAVE
SUMMONED ME!



BUT, SUE RICHARDS' SOBS-- HALF RELIEF, HALF ANXIETY--
ARE LOST-- LOST IN THE THUNDER OF GIANT'S SPEAKING!

YOU LIE, STRANGER!
THE OVER-MIND DID
NOT SUMMON YOU.

BUT
WHOEVER
YOU ARE,
WHATEVER
YOUR
PURPOSE--

MY
POWER
OF A
BILLION
BRAINS
WILL--

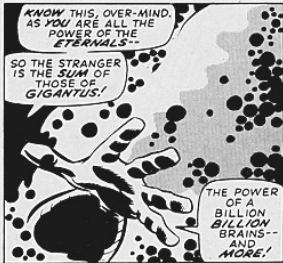
WHAT?
IT DOES NOT
HARM, DOES
NOT TOUCH
YOU! BUT--



BUT YOU ARE
THE SUM
TOTAL OF THE
MIGHTY
ETERNALS?

YET WERE THE
ETERNALS
NOT ONCE
DEFEATED?

DEFEATED
BY THE
SURVIVORS OF
GIGANTUS--
WORLD WHICH
DWARFED
GALAXIES?



KNOW THIS, OVER-MIND.
AS YOU ARE ALL THE
POWER OF THE
ETERNALS--

SO THE STRANGER
IS THE SUM
OF
THOSE OF
GIGANTUS!

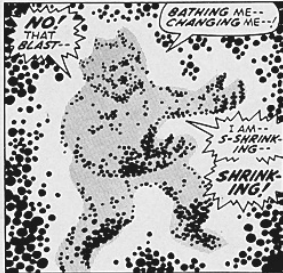
THE POWER
OF A
BILLION
BILLION
BRAINS--
AND
MORE!



YOUR CREATION WAS DIS-
COVERED TOO LATE-- BUT
OUR RACE PREPARED ME
AGAINST THE TIME OF
YOUR RETURN!

AS THAT
TIME HAS
COME--

SO TOO
HAS
YOURS!



NO!
THAT
BLAST--

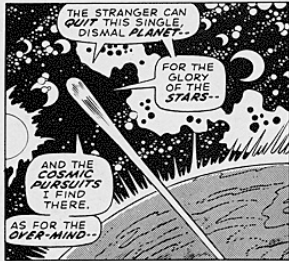
BATHING ME--
CHANGING ME--!

I AM--
S-SHRINK-
ING--
SHRINK-
ING!



AND **THUS IT IS
DONE.**

THE EONS-OLD
TRUST PLACED
IN ME IS
FULFILLED.



THE STRANGER CAN
**QUIT THIS SINGLE,
DISMAL PLANET--**

FOR THE
GLORY OF THE
STARS--

AND THE
**COSMIC
PURSUITS**
I FIND
THERE.

AS FOR THE
OVER-MIND--



HE MAY REVEL IN AN
ANCIENT PROPHECY
COME **TRUE.**

HE WHO CAME
FROM BEYOND
THE STARS NOW
HAS HIS
UNIVERSE TO
CRUSH--

A DEAD
AND
**LIFELESS
UNIVERSE--**

--WITHIN
A
**MOTE
OF
DUST!**

AND WITHIN THAT SUB-ATOMIC
VOID, LOST AND DRIETING IN
A NAMELESS PARTICLE OF
DUST, THERE IS A SCREAM--



AND PERHAPS IT IS THE ECHO OF THAT SCREAM WHICH BRINGS FOUR WEARY PEOPLE SLOWLY TO REALITY--

I DON'T WANNA SOUND LIKE A SOREHEAD--

BUT WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED?

IT'S OVER, BEN.

AND REED SEEMS TO BE RECOVERING QUICKLY.

BUT-- POOR DOCTOR DOOM--

FOUGHT OUR BEST AND GOT NOWHERE--

BUT IN JUST SECONDS, THE STRANGER FINISHED HIM.



THIS NIGHT A COSMIC DRAMA WAS ENACTED--

I PLAYED THE ROLE ASSIGNED ME--AS DID YOU.

--NEEDS NEITHER YOUR PITY, NOR ANY THANKS YOU MAY PROFFER.



BUT IT IS ENDED, AND DOOM PLAYS NO MORE.

WHEN NEXT WE MEET, IT WILL BE ON MY TERMS, IN MY WAY--

AND IT WILL NOT BE AS ALLIES.



SO THAT'S IT! DOOM GOES HOME AN' WE GO HOME AN' EVERYBODY FORGETS ABOUT IT.

WILL SOMEONE TELL ME WHAT WE RISKED OUR LIVES FOR?

THE STRANGER COULDA DONE THE JOB ANYTIME HE WANTED!

JOHNNY-- WAIT!



REED, I'M GLAD YOU'RE UP AN' AROUND AN' NOT HURT-- BUT I DON'T WANT ANY LECTURES.

FACE IT! SOMEBODY USED US!

NOW COOL OFF, BOY, AND--



YEAH, I'LL COOL OFF-- BY FLAMIN' ON!

DOOM CALLED IT A COSMIC DRAMA-- I CALL IT A GAME!

AND WE WERE THE PAWNS!

LOOKS LIKE THE
KID'S OFF ON
ANOTHER TEAR,
STRETCHO.

HE'LL BE BACK
AFTER LETTING
OFF STEAM,
BEN.

YEAH, BUT
MEBBE THIS
TIME HE'S
GOT A POINT.

REED!
THAT
LIGHT--

I MEAN--
HEY!

STAY
BACK,
SUE!
IF IT'S
TROUBLE--

NO, MY MORTAL FRIENDS.
WITH THE PASSING OF THE
OVER-MIND, THE TROUBLE
IS ENDED.

THE
WATCHER!

NOW
LISSEN,
BALDY--

THERE IS NO NEED TO SPEAK.
I SENSE YOU HAVE DOUBTS--
SUCH AS SET YOUR YOUNG
COMPANION RAGING. I AM
HERE TO DISPEL THEM.

SO?
DISPEL
ALREADY.

YOUR PART IN
THIS AFFAIR
WAS NOT
WITHOUT MEAN-
ING-- INDEED,
IT WAS THE MOST
VITAL OF ALL.

BY FIGHTING COURAGEOUSLY,
UNFLAGGINGLY, YOU FORCED
THE OVER-MIND TO EXPEND
HIS FULL POWER--

OTHERWISE, THE
STRANGER COULD
NEVER HAVE
DETECTED HIS
PRESENCE UNTIL HE
HAD CONQUERED
MANY WORLDS.

AND SUCH
WOULD HIS
MIGHT AND
CONTROL HAVE
BEEN BY THEN--

NOT EVEN
THE STRANGER
COULD HAVE
DEFEATED HIM!

YOU LOST YOUR BATTLE, BUT IN THE
LOSING WON A GREATER ONE. IF THE
SEED OF GRANDEUR RESIDES IN MAN-
KIND, IT IS IN SELFLESS BRAVERY
SUCH AS YOURS!

AND NOW--
FAREWELL!

HE'S
GOING--
FADING
AWAY--

GEE--

WHO ELSE BUT THE WATCHER COULD MAKE
YA FEEL ALL CHOKED UP ABOUT GETTIN'
CLOBBERED?

TOO BAD
TORCHY
DIDN'T
HEAR IT.

WE'LL TELL HIM,
BEN. WE'LL TELL
HIM.

AND
WEARILY
PROUDLY,
THREE
HEROES
MAKE
THEIR WAY
HOME.

FIN



GIANT INSECTS AGAINST HULK!

SEE THE MIGHTY MARVEL
ACTION IN THIS WEEK'S
SURPRISING ISSUE!
ON SALE NOW!



THIS WEEK...

FRANK HAMPSON

THE MAN WHO CREATED DAN DARE-DARES
TO DRAW ANOTHER SUPER SPIDER-MAN CENTRE SPREAD

Entitled "Counter Attack"
it shows a team of alien
invaders... as seen in
Frank's last spread, being
repelled! Don't miss it!
It's in this week's super
Spider-Man-out now!



Stan Lee NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.!
PRESENTS: SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

"IF DEATH BE MY DESTINY!"

FEATURING THE SENSATIONAL
H.A.W.K. HARNES (HIGH
ALTITUDE WING KITE)... AS IF
WE HAD TO TELL YOU FRANTIC
FUNSEEKERS!

REMEMBER LAST
ISSUE? THE ELUSIVE
YELLOW CLAW HAS
SLIPPED THROUGH
SHIELD'S MASSIVE
MANHUNT IN THE
SKY! NOW, THE
DYNAMIC DIRECTOR
OF SHIELD MAKES
A SPECTACULAR
SKY-DIVING LEAP
INTO THE STRATO-
SPHERE ON A
MILLION-TO-ONE
CHANCE OF
BOARDING THE
ESCAPE CRAFT
IN MID-AIR! AND
NOW...
**ACTION
TIME!**

LUCKY SHIELD'S SKY
COMMANDOS WERE ABLE
TO SLOW UP THE YELLOW
CLAW WITH SMALL-ARMS
FIREPOWER!

NOW MEBBE I STILL
GOT A CHANCE TA
CATCH A TIGER
BY THE TAIL!

AND, IF YOU THINK THAT SHIELD'S
EVER-LOVIN' CAST OF CHARACTERS
IS SOMETHIN' ELSE, WAIT'LL YOU
READ WHO PUT THIS MASTERPIECE
TOGETHER!

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YEAH, THERE HE IS NOW! A COUPLE HUNDRED FEET BELOW ME! AN' HE'S LEVELIN' OFF!

HEY! WHAT'S THAT? SOME THIN' SHOOTIN' OUTTA HIS PLANE... EXPLODIN'!

COULD IT BE...? YEAH!

IT'S SOME KINDA SMOKE SCREEN TO COVER HIS GETAWAY!



LOOKA THAT! HE BREWED UP A PHONY STORM... AN' THAT MEANS I GOTTA MAKE MY MOVE NOW!

BEFORE HE GETS OUTTA SIGHT!

OKAY, FURY... DIVE!!



I'M GONNA BE WASTED IF HE FINPS OUT I'M DOIN' THE PIGGY-BACK BIT!

HOPE THIS LITTLE PLAYSUITS RIGGED TA HOLD ME ON MAGNETICALLY, LIKE THEY SAID!

OKAY... HERE GOES!

THEN, AS FURY GRIPS THE WING, A THUNDERING ROAR ERUPTS FROM THE SURFACE OF THE WATER BELOW HIM! SWEEPING SKYWARD, A TITANIC WHIRLPOOL, THE SIZE OF A SKYSCRAPER, BURSTS HIGH INTO THE AIR... DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE YELLOW CLAW'S FLAGSHIP...



SHEESH! WHAT IN SAM HILL'S HAPPENIN' NOW? THE BLASTED FOOL'S HEARDIN' RIGHT INTO THE WATER! THAT THING'S GONNA RIP THIS CRATE INTO A HEAP OF JUNK!

NO... WAIT! IT'S GOTTA BE SOME KINDA SIGNAL OR SOMETHIN'! IT'S ALL PART OF THE CLAW'S PLAN!

NOTHIN' TA DO NOW BUT HANG ON... AN' PRAY!



SUNNINHH!
IMPACT...
RIPPIN' ME
OFF! CAN'T
HOLD OUT
MUCH
LONGER!



GOTTA GET RIDDA
THIS RIG... ONLY
SLOWING ME
UP!

HEY! THE
WHIRLPOOL...
SUCKIN' US
UNDER...
PULLING THE SHIP
DOWNWARD!



HOPE THIS DYE
GRENADE AIN'T
GONNA BE MARK
IN' MY GRAVE!

BUT, SHIELDS
GOTTA KNOW
WHAT'S
HAPPENIN'
SOMEHOW!



FER THE
LUVVA
PETE! NO
WONDER
SHIELD
COULDN'T FIND
THE CLAW'S
HIDEOUT HERE
IN THE MIDDLE OF
THE NEW YORK
HARBOR!!

I HEARD ABOUT
PLAYIN' WITH TOYS
IN THE BATHTUB... BUT
THIS IS TOO MUCH!

UH OH! HE'S
HEADING THE SHIP
FER SOME KINDA SUB-
SURFACE LOCK! GOTTA
DO SOMETHIN'... QUICK!

AND AT THAT SELF-SAME MOMENT, HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH, SHIELD'S AIRBORNE ARSENAL HAS SUCCESSFULLY TRAPPED ITS PREY...



ENGINE-TECHNOS!
PHASE-CONVERT TO
ATOMIC GENERATORS...
PEAK VELOCITY DRIVE!
ULTRA-PRIORITY GUARD NOW
FUNCTIONAL... SUSPENSION
BEAM ON!

V-BEAM NOW
OPERATIONAL!

ENEMY CRAFT
SUSPENDED IN
VORTEX BEAM...
LOCK IN POSITION
ON AUTONOMIC
CIRCUIT...447
SERIES!

CODEX-AAA-
SO R SET INTER-
PLAN COURSE
FOR SHQ
BASE SIX!

MEANWHILE, INSIDE... THAT JUST ABOUT WRAPS IT UP, SOLDIER! NOTHING MORE TO DO BUT GET THESE JOKERS ON ICE!



RIGHT, SIR! BUT JUST IMAGINE... SAVING ALL OF MANHATTAN!



YEAH! WELL, KEEP IT TO YOUR-SELF, MISTER! THERE'S OVER A MILLION HEARTS STILL BEATIN' DOWN THERE! WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD'A HAPPENED IF WE HAD FOULED UP! SO LET'S NOT WORRY 'EM, HUM?

YOU CALLED IT! AND LET'S KEEP HOPEIN' OUR LUCK DOESN'T CHANGE!



YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUTTA MY MOUTH, FELLA! CAUSE LUCK'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA NEED BEFORE THIS GAME'S OVER!

AND WHEN WILL THAT BE, SIR?

WHO CAN SAY? OUR BEST MAN'S WORKIN' ON IT RIGHT NOW!

I KNOW... I LIT HIS CIGAR JUST BEFORE HE JUMPED!



JUST LIKE I FIGURED...
THE CLAW'S SHIP HEADIN'
INTO SOME KINDA
AUTOMATIC LOCK!

LOOKS LIKE I QUIT
HITCHIN' A RIDE JUST IN
TIME! THEY WOULD'A
SPOTTED ME FOR SURE
INSIDE THAT THING!

BUT, SMOKING A STOGIE
IS THE **LAST THING**
SHIELD'S INDESTRUCT-
IBLE AGENT HAS IN
MIND AT **THIS PARTI-**
CULAR MOMENT...

FER ALL I KNOW THEY
GOT ME **LINED UP** IN
THEIR **SIGHTS** RIGHT
NOW!

ANYWAY, AIN'T **NOTHIN'** I CAN
DO OUT HERE! I'M **GOIN' IN AN'**
THAT'S IT!

BUT FIRST, I GOTTA **RIG UP MY AIR-**
RECYCLER OR I AIN'T **GOIN' NOWHERE!**



OKAY, FURY!
NOW GET TO
WORK!

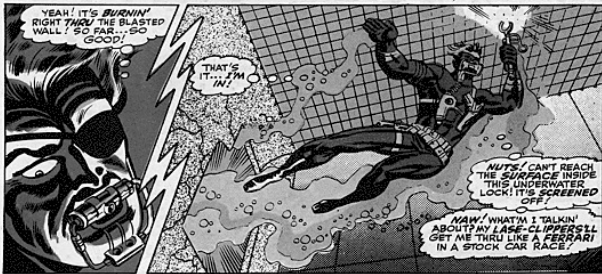


NO TIME TA BE
SUBTLE! IF I'M
GONNA GET INSIDE,
THE FASTER THE
BETTER!



AN THIS LITTLE **PYRO-BAND**
OUGHTTA DO IT JUST RIGHT!
GREAT GADGET FER MAKIN'
YER OWN **DOORWAYS...**

GOTTA
PRESS
THE **STUD...**
NOW!



YEAH! IT'S **BURNIN'**
RIGHT THRU THE **BLASTED**
WALL! SO FAR... SO
GOOD!

THAT'S
IT... I'M
IN!

NUTS! CAN'T REACH
THE **SURFACE** INSIDE
THIS UNDERWATER
LOCK! IT'S **SCREENED**
OFF!

NOW! WHAT'M I TALKIN'
ABOUT! MY **LASS-CLIPPERS**!!
GET ME THRU LIKE A **FERRARI**
IN A STOCK CAR RACE!

SECONDS LATER...

THIS JOINT'S
LOADED WITH
ALARMS AN'
ELECTRONIC
EYES...GOTTA
PUT THE KIBOSH
ON 'EM!

NOW, IF THE GAFFER
TAUGHT ME RIGHT,
CROSSIN' THESE
WIRES OUGHTTA
FREEZE THE IMAGE
ON EVERY MONITOR
ON THIS CIRCUIT!

THAT DOES IT! NEXT
STEP... CHECK THIS
CRUMMY DIVE OUT
WITH MY SPY RAY
LENS!

YEAH! THIS GIZMO'S
TOO MUCH! IT LETS
ME SEE RIGHT THRU
SOLID WALLS
LIKE THEY WERE
GLASS!

HEY! WHAT IN SAM
HILL?..THIS LAYOUT
LOOKS LIKE A
LABYRINTH...
BUT MORE'N THAT!
TRAPS...HUNDREDS
OF 'EM...WAITIN' FOR
ME...LIKE A MAZE
OF DEATH!

SO THAT'S THE
CHANCE I GOTTA
TAKE...COMES WITH
THE PRICE OF
ADMISSION!

WHAT THE...?
I ONLY TOOK
TWO STEPS...
AN' IT LOOKS
LIKE I WALKED
A MILE!

THE WALLS
PAINTED...
LIKE
OPTICAL
ILLUSIONS...
IMPOSSIBLE
TA BACK-
TRACK!

NEXT ISH THAT IS! BE HERE!

UP NEXT!
WHAT'S COMIN'
WHAT'N DEE
CAN HARDLY
SMELD...
ONE FOR
ROUND
OKAY!

THE HEAT OFF ME!
I SAID THAT KINDA TOOK
I THOUGHT / YA COULD
YEAR! JUST LIKE

SO LET'S SEE
WHAT HAPPENS IF I
TOSS AN INCENDIARY
FLARE AT 'EM!

THOOM!

NOTHIN' TO IT!
JUST LIKE THE
FUN HOUSE
AT CONEY...

GRIPES!!
WHAT'S
THAT? DARTS--
HEAON--
TOWARD
ME!

LIKE SOME
KINDA MINATURE
HEAT-SEEKIN'
MISSILES!

NICK FURY AGENT OF... SHIELD™

STERANKO

A MARVEL MASTERWORK PiN-UP

REMEMBER!

ON THE BACK COVERS OF THIS WEEK'S INCREDIBLE ISSUES OF PLANET OF THE APES, SUPER SPIDER-MAN, AND MIGHTY WORLD OF MARVEL THERE'S THOSE GREAT CUT-OUT FIGURES OF YOUR FAVE MARVEL SUPERHEROES AND VILLAINS.

EXTRA!



AS A BOUNTIFUL BONUS FOR CAPTAIN BRITAIN FANS, ON THE BACK COVER OF NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE OF MIGHTY WORLD OF MARVEL, THERE'LL BE CUT-OUT FIGURES OF CAPTAIN BRITAIN AND THAT HUMAN HOLOCAUST, HURRICANE! ON THE BACK OF NEXT WEEK'S SUPER-SPIDER-MAN THERE'LL BE AN INCREDIBLE CUT-OUT SCENE IN FRONT OF WHICH YOUR FIGURES CAN BATTLE. AND ON THE BACK OF PLANET OF THE APES THERE'LL BE CUT-OUT FIGURES OF CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE RED SKULL TO COMPLETE YOUR ACTION-PACKED BATTLE SCENE! NOW, WHO SAYS MARVEL DOESN'T KEEP YA BUSY?